Standardized WFO, Regional, and National Climate Web Pages
Service Description Document

Part I – Mission Connection

a. Service Description – Once implemented, this standardization of climate information (regarding what type is provided and where it's located on NWS Web pages) will enable our users to consistently find climate data no matter which NWS level (WFO, regional, or national) they access via the Web.

b. Purpose/Intended Use – These climate services Web pages (WFO, regional, and WFO) will be implemented at all levels throughout the NWS with the direct purpose of enhancing the delivery of climate information to our users via the Internet by organizing the information into consistent and standardized Web page templates.

c. Audience – The target audience is the general public as these Web pages are available to anyone who has an Internet connection.

d. Presentation Format – Web page presentation designed to meet all applicable Federal laws and Department, Agency Web policies and standards. The Web pages will meet established W3C Web standards (HTML, XHTML, XML, etc.). When third party software such as Adobe Acrobat Reader is required, the data will also be made available in alternate formats.

e. Feedback Method – An OMB-approved feedback/survey form will be used. The NWS CIO will set this up during the implementation phase.

Part II – Technical Description

a. Format and Science Basis – See the attached requirements document for a full description of the standardized WFO, regional, and national climate Web pages.

b. Availability – NWS offices issue routine climate products on a scheduled basis; the Web page contents will update as NWS offices issue climate products. An archive of products will be available through the Web pages.

c. Additional Information – For additional information/questions, please contact the Team Leader of the Climate Web Design Team , Judith A. Koepsell, OS4; she can be reached through (301) 713-1970x187 or at Judy.Koepsell@noaa.gov.